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TECHNOLOGY UPDATE

Welcome

Welcome to the first monthly edition of *Technology Update!* This is an effort on part of the Administrative Office of Courts (AOC) to keep the court personnel informed of cutting edge technology. We will also feature new and retiring employees, birthdays, and special announcements. Hopefully, through this section, we will get to know one another better, and build a sense of community within the courts.

In this issue, we will be introducing you to the different divisions within AOC. We will also give you a brief synopsis of what each division does and how it relates to your job. We hope everyone will take a minute and review the various topics and information.

This newsletter serves as a forum where issues can be addressed to improve the administration of the courts. If you have any areas you would like us to address in future issues, please e-mail us at newsletter@alacourt.gov.

Division Spotlights

Alabama Central Disbursement Division (ACDD)

The Alabama Central Disbursement Division (ACDD) was established by AOC for the disbursement of non IV-D child support collections, collected through income withholding orders and previously processed by the clerk of the court in each county.



Juvenile Division



Here are some highlighted areas concerning Juvenile Technology: the Juvenile Probation Module, Juvenile Detention Module, Juvenile Intake Module, Juvenile Treatment Module, Juvenile Court Processes Module, Corrections link to Department of Youth Services, and CARE (Critical Analysis Reporting System).

MIDAS

There are several different computer programs that have been developed within the MIS division of AOC. One of these is MIDAS, a case management program designed to track and keep up with alcohol and drug offenders within the State of Alabama.



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PC Help Desk



The Information Technology Help Desk has been designed to be the single point of contact and the central source for help with and for information about Alabama Judicial System Web applications, computing, State Judicial Information System (SJIS), and Information Technology at AOC. The Help Desk is available to answer questions, resolve problems, and provide information about Alabama Judicial System mainframe, web applications, network, desktop hardware, and software.

Traffic Division

New to the MIS Division and the State of Alabama, the Traffic Service Center is the first stop after receiving a citation from a state trooper or county law enforcement officer. The Traffic Service Center focuses on providing valid information to the defendant such as the charges, the fine and court cost, court date, driving school and instructions on how to make payment.



SJIS Help Desk



Information Technology and SJIS Help Desk team members provide technical assistance and trouble shooting assistance to all SJIS users involving the filing, maintaining and disposition of all criminal, traffic, and civil case records on the statewide SJIS system.

Upcoming Projects



E-APPELLATE

One of our new projects is E-APPELLATE. It will help the courts in three distinctive ways: 1) Conversion of the paper documents into electronic records, 2) Uploading the completed electronic record to the appellate court, and 3) Notification of the completion of the record via e-mail.

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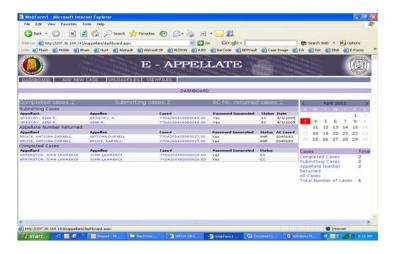
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Upcoming Project

The MIS Division has a number of projects underway, some of which you will hear about in this issue, others in future issues. These projects range from applications, such as the new Document Imaging Process, to the overhaul of our communication lines to each of the courthouses.

In this issue, I will fill you in on the *Electronic Creation and Submission of the Appellate Record on Appeal (ROA)*. This application was requested by the Process Review Committee, co-chaired by Corrine Hurst and Judge Rusty Johnson. The Process Review Committee is charged by Chief Justice Nabers to streamline the process used by our Judges and Clerks. The ROA is such a project that will bring technology to the time-consuming process of preparing the record.



The project includes three distinct steps:

- Conversion of the paper documents into electronic records –using the document scanning equipment on hand and merging the documents into a "record" format as specified by the Rules of Appellate Procedure using a document manipulation tool.
- Uploading the completed electronic record to the appellate court using the application illustrated above.
- Notification of the attorneys/parties and appellate courts of the completion of the record via e-mail.

Credit certainly belongs to Kathy Coulter, Circuit Clerk of Russell County, and a Court Specialist in her office, Tim Wyatt. They have put together the prototype of this application and demonstrated that it is feasible. Tim recently trained Diane Bullard of Jane Smith's Office (Madison County) on the prototype that allowed her to assemble a 300 page record and transmit it to the appellate court.

The pilot testing of this project is expected to begin in April, 2005 in Russell, Madison, Lee and Montgomery Counties. Following the pilot, training will be made available to the remaining courts.

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